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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Specifically, the references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited during the prosecution of the corresponding German patent application. A copy of the German Office Action, an English translation thereof, and U.S. Patent No. 4,849,722 cited therein, are enclosed for the convenience of the

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This Information Disclosure Statement should be considered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as it is filed after the first Office Action, but before the final rejection or Notice of Allowance, and Applicants have paid the necessary fee. Applicant respectfully requests that the fee, estimated to be \$220.00, and any deficiency be charged to the Attorneys' Deposit Account No. 19-4709. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and make the references of record in the subject application.

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